GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:725
ANSWERED ON:18.07.2002
DERAILMENT OF THE SHRAMJEEVI EXPRESS
DINESH CHANDRA YADAV;MOHAN RAWALE;RAM JEEVAN SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether a number of persons died and several injured following derailment of the Shramjeevi Express recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated loss suffered by the Government as a result thereof;

(d) whether any sabotage in the derailment of the train is suspected;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. In this accident, 11 passengers lost their lives, 15 passengers were grievously injured and 32 others sustained simple injuries.

(c): The cost of damage is estimated to be around Rs.204 lakhs.

(d): Yes, Sir. Commissioner of Railway Safety, Northern Circle, in his Preliminary Report, has concluded 'that the accident occurred most probably due to opening out of fish plated joints by some unknown persons.'

(e) & (f): Action can be initiated on receipt of Final Report of Commissioner of Railway Safety.